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FOR DRAPER AND CONNOLLY

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, AFSP

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS

**REF: STATE 207431** 

1. WE EXPECT MAKE SECURITY CONTACTS EARLY NEXT WEEK TO ARRANGE FOR BAQUET ARRIVAL AND OUR DEPARTURE, HOPEFULLY DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 30. DECISION CONCERNING DATE, ROUTE, SECURITY, ETC. WILL DEPEND TO LARGE EXTENT ON THESE DISCUSSIONS. WE ARE INCLINED BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT OVERDO NUMBER OF MOVES AND REQUESTS FOR ESCORTS. FOR THESE REASONS, EXPECT THAT I SHOULD LEAVE, ACCOMPANIED BY WALSH, ON DAY BAQUET COMES INTO LEBANON. RSO THINKING IS THAT ESCORT WHICH TAKES US TO CROSSING POINT SHOULD WAIT AND RETURN BEIRUT WITH BAQUET. UNDER BETTER CIRCUMSTANCES, OVERLAP WOULD BE DESIRABLE, BUT IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL. CHUCK BAQUET IS TOPNOTCH OFFICER WHO IS USED TO KIND OF FLUID OPERATION THAT WE HAVE HERE, AND HE WILL BE WELL SUPPORTED BY GOOD KEY LOCALS. THEY ARE COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULAR ACTIVIITIES AND WILL BE ABLE TO SETTLE CHUCK IN WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

2. WE HOPE THAT BAQUET CAN BRING IN ONE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ARMORED CARS AND SOME CLASSIFIED MAIL, INCLUDING

ESSENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS GEAR. THIS WILL BE WORKED OUT WITH YOU AND DAMASCUS AFTER WE HAVE DISCUSSED TRANSFER WITH SECURITY CONTACTS.

3. WE SUCCESSFULLY EXCHANGED POUCHES AT SYRIAN BORDER ON AUG 20 (SEPTEL) AND NOW HAVE COMMUNICATIONS GEAR YOU REFER TO. THE SECURE TELEPHONE SHOULD BE UP WITHIN NEXT DAY OR SO. HUNT

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